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
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Main Entry: **ma·trix** 

Pronunciation: 'mā-triks

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural* **ma·tri·ces**  /'mā-tr&-
"sEz, 'ma-/; or **ma·trix·es**  /'mā-trik-s&z/

Etymology: Latin, female animal used for breeding, parent plant, from *matr-*, *mater*

Date: 1555

1 a : something within or from which something else originates, develops, or takes form

2 a : a mold from which a relief surface (as a piece of type) is made **b** : **DIE** 3a(1) **c** : an engraved or inscribed die or stamp **d** : an electroformed impression of a phonograph record used for mass-producing duplicates of the original

3 a : the natural material (as soil or rock) in which something (as a fossil or crystal) is embedded **b** : material in which something is enclosed or embedded (as for protection or study)

4 a : the intercellular substance in which tissue cells (as of connective tissue) are embedded **b** : the thickened epithelium at the base of a fingernail or toenail from which new nail substance develops

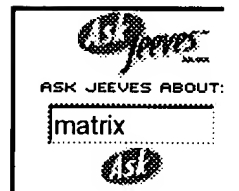
5 a : a rectangular array of mathematical elements

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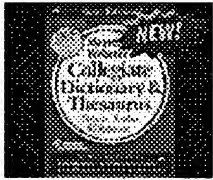
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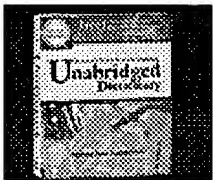
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(as the coefficients of simultaneous linear equations)
that can be combined to form sums and products
with similar arrays having an appropriate number of
rows and columns **b** : something resembling a
mathematical matrix especially in rectangular
arrangement of elements into rows and columns **c** :
an array of circuit elements (as diodes and
transistors) for performing a specific function
6 : a main clause that contains a subordinate clause

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abut \E\ as **ea** in easy